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## **Owens River Fire Update**

The Owens River Fire remains at 5,443 acres and is 71% contained.

Minimal fire activity occurred overnight with cooler temperatures helping to keep the fireline in check. Crews began demobilizing on 9/22 and will continue throughout the weekend. Today, firefighters will be mopping up and backhauling equipment in all divisions. Fire behavior is expected to be minimal. There is a warming and drying trend predicted throughout the weekend.

Fire officials will be opening up some roads to public traffic outside of the fire area starting tomorrow (Saturday). The Owens River Road remains closed and the public is asked to stay out of this area to keep it safe for firefighters who are still working in the vicinity. The Big Springs Campground, Clark Canyon, and nearby ranches and developments have been evacuated and those areas remain closed.

There are 12 hand crews, 48 engines, 7 helicopters, 2 dozers, and 5 water tenders assigned to the fire. There are 541 personnel working on the incident.

The cost of the fire is estimated to be \$2,900,000.00. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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